



Children's Interests

Last week the children have been chatting about the weather, space and beanstalks! There has been lots of interest in looking at simple fact books and sharing their knowledge and we have wondered if a beanstalk might grow so high it might reach space and what we might find at the top!
 This week we are welcoming playgroup children for a visit on Wednesday morning, doing some Easter themed activities and practising an Easter song for the church service on Thursday at 9:30. We look forward to seeing you there!

Prime Areas

Physical Development including Hand Gym:

- Cutting and sticking symbols of Easter eg chicks, rabbits or eggs
- Cutting and making an Easter basket
- Design and make an egg carrier

Communication and Language:

- Listen to the story "Egg Drop" and share own ideas how to help the egg fly
- Ask and answer questions about Easter
- Use masks/ finger puppets to pretend to be the characters from Jack and the Beanstalk

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

- Continuing the assembly theme of "peace," describe a time when we felt peaceful
- Welcoming in and looking after the playgroup children

Specific Areas

Literacy including Phonics:

- Free writing of own choice eg writing about Easter, messages in cards
- Write some simple instructions about how to make an egg carrier
- Revise all taught sounds and practise using sounds **ue/ure/air/ear** /to read and spell words
- Revise all high frequency words so far

Mathematics:

- Using eggs describe ways to split 6/8/or 10
- Count how many objects they can fit into a plastic egg
- Counting and adding games to develop counting on skills

Understanding the World

- Develop an understanding of the Easter story through the theme of celebration of new life
- Find out new life in springtime eg chicks, tadpoles, blossom and eggs

Expressive Art and Design:

- Free paintings and collage eg on spring theme
- Learn some simple songs about spring/ Easter

Head lice are still a problem in class, would it be possible to check your child's hair over the holidays and treat if necessary, many thanks.

I cannot believe that Easter is here already! Mrs Curds and I wish you a great holiday and we keep our fingers crossed for some spring like weather! If you can, try to keep practising reading, the sounds and the words sent home. Finally we hope you have a fun and very happy Easter!
 Mrs McQueen